New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CORD Members and Other Interested Parties David Sorensen, Chairman

Carroll County Board of Commissioners

P.O. Box 152 Ossipee, NH 03864

Robert S. White, Chairman Hart's Location Board of Selectmen 5 Forest Road Hart's Location, NH 03812 Michael King, Executive Director North Country Council 107 Glessner Road Bethlehem, NH 03574-5800

FROM: Benjamin D. Frost, Senior Planner

DATE: December 2, 2005

SUBJECT: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Town of Hart's Location

SLR 05-018

RESPONSE DATE: January 3, 2006

Please review the attached information to determine if your agency has any interest in this transaction. If there is an interest, please notify this office of your intent in writing by the response date indicated above. The Council on Resources and Development will consider the request at the next meeting following the comment period.

The Department of Cultural Resources is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.

Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board are asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 233-A.

The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Lakes Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.

The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483:8, VI and 14.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

From: Christopher Morgan Date: November 23, 2005

Administrator

At: Bureau of Rail and Transit

Subject: Surplus Land Review

Mountain Division Railroad Corridor, Hart's Location

To: Mary Ann Manoogian, Director

Office of Energy and Planning

The Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail & Transit, proposes to grant an easement for crossings of the State-owned railroad in Hart's Location of approximately 25 and 50 feet in width, each being 99 feet in length across the railroad corridor, to the US Forest Service. The crossings will allow pedestrians and Forest Service maintenance vehicles access to the Fourth Iron Campsite.

The Conway Scenic Railroad operates tourist excursion rail service on the state-owned Mountain Division railroad corridor. The US Forest Service requires a crossing to service facilities at an adjacent campground with Forest Service vehicles, and to provide a legal pedestrian crossing for the public. The Department has been informed that Federal regulations require an easement for this purpose, rather than a renewable agreement. The Department proposes to provide an easement for the crossings that will include the same language to protect the interests of the State that would be included in a typical crossing agreement.

The proposed easement will not interfere with the use of the railroad corridor for the operation of tourist and excursion trains.

Please submit this request to the Council on Resources and Development to determine if this land is surplus to the needs and interests of the State.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Enc.

cc: Jack Ferns, Director

William P. Janelle, PE, Administrator, Bureau of Right-of-Way

Council on Resources and Development REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Name of Requesting Agency: New Hampshire Department of Transportation

Location of Property: Hart's Location, Mountain Division railroad corridor

Acreage: a) Private Roadway Crossing for vehicles approximately 99 feet in length and 50 feet in width across the railroad corridor. The centerline of the easement lies at approximate Valuation Station 3526+65 Map V.17/24 of the State-owned Mountain Division Railroad.

b) Pedestrian Crossing approximately 99 feet in length and 25 feet in width across the railroad corridor. The centerline of the easement lies at approximate Valuation Station 3534+95 Map V. 17/24 of the State-owned Mountain Division Railroad.

Term of Lease: Easement Deed: In perpetuity unless terminated by the Grantee.

Requested Action: Approval of easement to US Forest Service for vehicle and pedestrian crossings.

Agency Contact Person: Christopher Morgan, 271-2565

Please provide the following information, if known, about the property. Attach map(s) showing the location of the property.

- 1. What is the current use of this property? Active railroad line operated by the Conway Scenic Railroad for excursion and tourist use
- 2. What is the proposed use of this property? Maintain access to existing National Forest facilities
- 3. Are there any structures located on this property? On adjacent Forest Service land.
- 4. Are there water resources related to this property? The Forest Service property is adjacent to the Saco River. If so, please indicate the size or extent of such resources.
- 5. Please list any other significant resources known to be located on this property.
- 6. Was this property purchased with Federal Highway Funds? __x__ Yes ____ No
- 7. Is access to this property available? x Yes No

